

Elections For SWNA in March



Map of four SWNA election districts, each of which elect two representatives on the SWNA Board

Nominations are open for candidates to the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and to all eight elective positions on the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for the election to be held Sat. Mar. 21.

The map here shows the four SWNA districts, residents of each of which elect 2 of the 8 district reps to the board. The north-south dividing line is 3rd St. north of M St. and Delaware Ave. and Second St. south of M St. The east-west divider is M St.

All residents of Near SW DC (zip code 20024) age 18 or over are eligible to be nominated and to be elected. (A person is welcome to nominate himself or herself). A nominating committee chaired by former SWNA President Thelma Jones is asking for suggestions and will report its findings at the public SWNA meeting on Mon. Feb. 23. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at that time. All persons nominated will be listed on ballots at the Mar. 21 election and spaces will be left for write-in names as well.

Ms. Jones can be reached by email at jones15@verizon.net or by phone at (202 488-3746) .



University of New Mexico Head Coach Michael Locksley, Sr.

Mike Locksley Signs For \$700,000 a Yr.

As a kid he played football and basketball for Southwest's MPD Boys & Girls Club #4 in the gym at Bowen Elementary School on M St. SW. He graduated from Ballou High School in Anacostia and Towson State University near Baltimore.

Now Michael Locksley, Sr., age 39, has been appointed head coach of football at the University of New Mexico.

At UNM he will be in his 18th year of college coaching, including the University of Florida, University of Maryland College Park and most recently at the University of Illinois. His five year contract at UNM pays him \$700,000 a year.

Military Help With Barrack Obama's Inauguration

With D.C.'s Near SW/SE area being adjacent to the Capitol Building and National Mall and containing offices and bases employing thousands of military personnel, we are bound to notice a flurry of military activity in preparation for the Presidential Inauguration in January. Without it being revealed exactly where in SW/SE arrangements are being made for all the military musical units, marching bands, color guards, salute batteries and honor cordons, we can expect a noticeable influx of uniformed personnel riding or walking on our streets.

The US military has its own Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC) that has been planning for months. Their web site www.afic.northcom.mil has much information and many links to other actors in the Inaugural drama. We are told that each four years 5,000 service members participate in the celebration – some in view and some behind the scenes.

Congress has its own Inaugural Committee which conducts the swearing in at the Capitol Building and distributes free tickets for viewing the ceremony on the Capitol Grounds. It's website is www.inaugural.senate.gov. It is called the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC).

The President-elect Barrack Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden have a committee for organizing and funding inaugural events such as inaugural dinners, the Inaugural Parade and the inaugural balls. It is called the Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC), with a web-site www.pic2009.org.

(Brenda Steele contributed to this article)



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**SPECIAL OFFERS FOR
INAUGURATION EVENTS**

Market Inn Closing

By Saadia Athias

One of the District's most notable seafood restaurants, the Market Inn Restaurant, located at 200 E Street, Southwest, is closing December 31, 2008 after their fifty year lease has expired. Market Inn was established in 1959 and has maintained the traditional legacy of the original owner John Mandis, which was inherited by his devoted family Carl and Liz and managed by their long time friend Mike Kipp. Located at the end of the barren railroad and SW Freeway overpass, the restaurant stood throughout the phases of renewal and the demolition of the old Southwest warehouse markets, and remained viable throughout the reconstruction period, which erected federal office buildings and a hotel.

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Staff at Market Inn

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National Group Works with Near SW-SE Coordinating Council

By Rev. Ruth Hamilton, CBCC Co-Chair

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) through its DC office has chosen the Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) as one of three local community organizations to receive support. LISC is a national organization "dedicated to helping community residents transform distressed neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business and raise children." LISC mobilizes corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide local community development organizations with loans, grants and equity investments; local and national policy support; and, technical and management assistance.

Local LISC director, Ornamenta Newsome, introduced CBCC co-chair, Rev. Ruth Hamilton, to the Southeast Regional LISC director on Friday. Both directors were very impressed with the way so many organizations and institutions, new and old, in near SE/SW have come together over the last 3 1/2 years to work together for the good of the whole community.

CBCC by-laws were approved in December and the initial eleven member board of active representatives of neighborhood organizations will be moving forward to incorporate and seek non-profit status.

Meanwhile the work continues to coordinate efforts around the initial community priorities: 1. establishing a comprehensive neighborhood based workforce and career development campus, 2. creation and retention of diverse, affordable housing options with commitment to zero displacement; 3. development of a community fund to implement the priorities; 4. advocacy for neighborhood oriented retail and local business opportunities; and 5. promotion of strong environmental standards.

If you are part of a constituent group, formal or informal, with a concern for these and similar SW-SE community priorities, contact CBCC co-chairs, Rev. Ruth Hamilton 202-641-8221 or Ken LaCruise 202-554-7011 to ask how you can get your organization involved.

[LISC provided a \$125,000 predevelopment loan and \$1,000,000 construction loan for the 12 condo, 29 town home Syphax Village construction at Half and N SW through Manna, Inc.]

Southwest Community Calendar December 17, 2008 - January 30, 2009

WED. DEC. 17 AARP, 1401 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon

THURS. DEC. 18 Police PSA 104 public meeting, Waterside Towers, 907 6th St. SW, 7 pm

THUR., DEC 18 The Southwest Chamber Music Players' Christmas Concert, St Augustine Church, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm

SAT. DEC. 20 Public Safety Walk with Guardian Angels & police, 800 4th St. SW, 5 pm

SUN. DEC. 21 Chanukah begins at sundown.

MON. DEC. 22 – FRI. JAN. 2 Holiday for DC Public Schools

THURS. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

FRI. DEC. 26 Kwanza begins

WED. DEC. 31 New Year's Eve

THURS. JAN. 1 New Year's Day

SAT. JAN. 3 Congress convenes

MON. JAN. 12 ANC6D meeting open to the public, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, 7 pm

WED. JAN. 14 AARP, 1401 Delaware Ave SW, 12 noon

THURS. JAN. 15 PSA 104

MON. JAN. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday holiday

TUES. JAN. 20 Inauguration Day

THURS. JAN. 22 NARFE, SW Library, 3rd & K SW, 12:30 pm

MON. JAN. 26 SWNA public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW.

FRI. JAN. 30 SW Night – Arena Stage at Lincoln Theatre – *I Love a Piano* 8 pm

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 – noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm – Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

SATURDAYS SAFETY WALKERS – meet for community walks at 800 4th St. SW., 5pm

WEDNESDAYS COMEDY NIGHT at Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St., SW, 8-10:30 pm

FRIDAYS JAZZ NIGHT, Westminster Church, 400 I St., SW, 6-9pm

Please submit calendar items for February events to voice mail – 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com by Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Breast Cancer Meeting at World Bank

SW Breast Cancer Survivor Thelma Jones is inviting anyone who would like to attend an Apr. 16 meeting on breast cancer at the World Bank to email Inagy@worldbank.org by Apr. 10.. A major speaker will be a specialist from the University of Chicago Medical Center, whom Jones met in Philadelphia recently. He

spoke there at a conference she attended of 400 breast cancer patients, survivors and supporters.

Ms. Jones recently was re-certified by the American Cancer Society as a breast health educator and is available for presentations. Contact her at tjones15@verizon.net or (202)488-3746.

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Closing

From p. 1

The Inn's trademark bar and lounge encased with paintings of female nudes, and the melodious sounds of the jazz trio are encircled nightly by guests during happy hour and dinner. Among the many 85 dishes, the favorites most enjoyed were the crab cakes and Market Inn's very famous trio soup sampler, your choice of homemade Lobster Bisque, New England clam chowder, Charleston Style Snapper Turtle soup and the infamous She Crab Soup, served with sherry and decadently topped with whipped cream. The Maine lobster selected from the fresh tank was also a delicacy.

Many of the staff have worked at the restaurant (which seats 300 guests) for decades, such as the chefs, (three brothers) the barmaid and many of the wait staff. Good Luck!

At this time there is no hope that the Market will reestablish the novelty restaurant elsewhere. It was hopeful that H2O would have been an ideal "spot," however the costs to renovate the existing location were astronomical and the plans for the Waterfront imitative make it a risky venture.

Many of the old friends of the Market Inn are planning holiday parties and a New Year's eve celebrations to give Market Inn a great send off, by celebrating their last days with memorable reflections of many of the "good old times" in the city. Make lunch or dinner reservations now at 202-554-2100.



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Lannan named to Rookie All-Star team

(Nationals left-hander recognized by Topps for strong debut)

By Alden Gonzalez / MLB.com

Silver linings can come in all shapes and sizes.

For the Nationals — in a season that saw their club get decimated by injuries en route to losing 102 games — their silver lining came in a 6-foot-5, 200-plus-pound frame that threw with pinpoint control from the left side. His name is John Lannan. And he wasn't just a bright spot for Washington in 2008 — he can be the franchise's ace for years to come.

On Thursday, something Nationals fans already knew — that Lannan is one of the top young pitchers in baseball — was further solidified when the 24-year-old left-hander was named to the 50th annual Topps Major League Rookie All-Star Team. Lannan turned in one of the top rookie seasons in franchise history, hurling 182 innings over 31 starts and posting a 3.91 ERA. But the Long Island, N.Y., native, who has often been compared to veteran left-hander Jamie Moyer, didn't do it with overpowering stuff. Instead, he relied on excellent location and good pitch selection.

"My favorite pitch is a strike," Lannan



John Lannan tied for eighth in the National League with 21 quality starts. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

once said. "That is the best pitch in the game." Lannan led all big league rookies and tied for eighth in the National League with 21 quality starts.

(TOPPS is the major publisher of baseball trading cards)

The Guardian Angels in Southwest

[Report from PSA 104]

The Guardian Angels met at 800 4th Street, SW. In attendance were 40 residents, Forest Hayes and Chris Taylor from Mayor Fenty's Office, Carolyn Crank (1D Community Outreach Specialist), Sgt Warner, MPO Thompson, Webber, Jones and Charles along with five mountain bike officers. We patrolled 4th Street to I Street, SW, 1400 block Canal Street, 200 block P Street, 400 block M Street, and the surrounding areas. During the walk we noticed lights out on poles

and Metro Bus Terminals, lots of graffiti, tall bushes, and a knife lying in the street which was turned over to the police.

PSA 104

The next PSA 104 Monthly Community Meetings will be held Thursday, December 18, 2008, 7 pm at Waterside Towers, 907 6th Street, SW, Washington, DC, Hostess Ms. Marcia Bachman.

Volunteers Needed

The Southwester is a monthly volunteer newspaper and needs more volunteer help!

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Annual Parade of Lighted Boats

By Saadia Athias

The Washington Waterfront Association presented its magnificent annual Parade of Lighted Boats on Sat. Dec. 6 at 5pm at the SW Maine Ave. Waterfront. The parade was led by the D.C. Fireboat John H. Glenn.

The distinguished judges this year included Asst. Chief Diane Groomes, our First District Commander, Col. Laura J. Richardson (Garrison Commander of the Fort Myer Military Community in charge of Ft. Myer and Ft. McNair) and Nina Albert of the office of the DC Deputy Mayor for Planning and Development. They viewed the procession from the DC



Winning boat design



Parade judges. Nina Albert, left, Col. Richardson, Cdr. Groomes

Harbor Patrol Control Tower, as the parade proceeded in formation along the Washington Channel and then continued on to the Alexandria Waterfront.

There were streams of delightful scenic boats and yachts, festively decorated by their spirited owners with sparkling holiday lights, sleighs, nativity scenes, and waving Santa. Float

for tots, loads of wonderful gingerbread and sugar cookies, delightful cider, holiday music and new and old Southwest friends and neighbors coming together. There were great photos with snowflakes as the wintry mix and Santa Claus lit the beautiful Christmas tree in the park between Channel Inn and Gangplank on Water Street.

The Safety Walkers, who had started earlier at 800-4th St. SW, arrived, escorted by several of MPD's finest officers, and ended their tour with a wish list for Santa for safe streets. The enthusiastic walkers sought refuge from the cold and snow at Cantina Marina, and enjoyed their star gazing view of the procession of boats and hot chocolate, the total winter experience.

after float was exquisitely impressive in spreading the holiday spirit for all of the waterfront spectators to enjoy.

The judges favored the "Colonel's Lady", Capt. Matt Martelli's boat, decorated as a helicopter complete with rotating rotor blades.

There were lots of festive cheer, toys

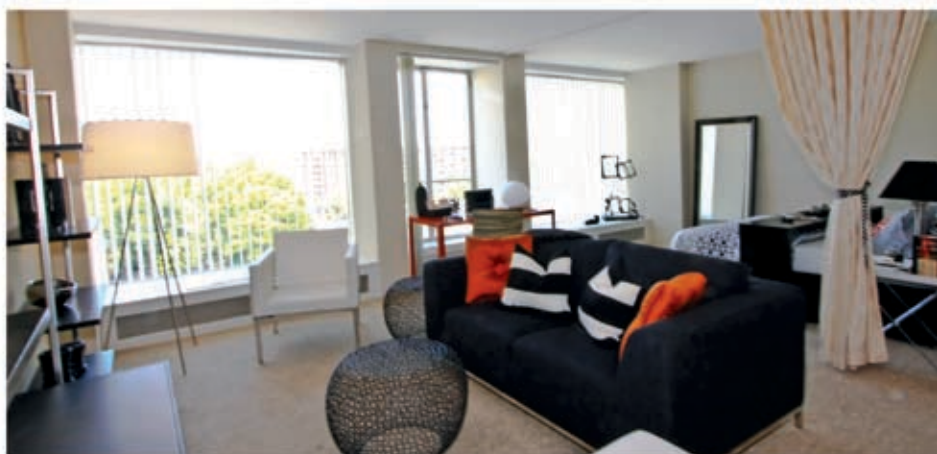


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Ziegfeld's to Replace Lime Night Club

(from SWDC Blog)

Ziegfeld's, the drag performance venue with a decades-long presence in near Southeast, will soon reopen on Buzzard Point in Southwest. The original establishment, which opened in 1980, was forced to close in 2005 when its rented premises were taken by eminent domain to become the third base of the new Nationals Stadium. For the past three years, owner Allen Carroll has worked to relocate Ziegfeld's, negotiating with Southwest's Advisory Neighborhood Com-

mission (ANC6D) and ultimately obtaining its support for the necessary liquor license transfer to the new location. Carroll hopes to complete the remodeling of the new building at 1824 Half Street in time for a late December opening. The space, which most recently housed the Lime nightclub, will be divided into two separately themed venues. Downstairs, "Ziegfeld's" will feature a large stage for drag shows and other live performances. Upstairs, "Secrets" will include an open floor for dancing.



Near SW-SE residents gathered at St. Augustine's Church for a Thanksgiving program sponsored by SWWR.

SW Collaborative Gives 200 Food Baskets For Thanksgiving

At a special program at St. Augustine's Church the Sat. morning before Thanksgiving Day, the South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative distributed holiday food for 200 families.

Attending were residents from many parts of SW and SE DC, including Channel Square, Greenleaf Gardens, Greenleaf Additions, James Creek, St. James Mutual Homes, Syphax Gardens, Benning Heights, Hopkins Apartments, Potomac Gardens and Town Homes on Capitol Hill.

A speaking program included Rev. Martha Clark of St. A.'s (where SWWR has a satellite office), Alphonso Coles, Marquise Mack, Barbara Dorman, Juanita Jones and Thelma Jones, MC.



(SWWR is a social service agency. Their website www.swwr.org lists their programs, two office locations, their staff of 17, 17 member Board of Directors, and membership list for 2008).

News from St. Augustine's

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church,
600 M St., SW

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and Carols

Christmas Day, Thurs., Dec. 25
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J.D. Smith with his new book
(photo by Luis Daniel Martinez)

MARTIN LUTHER KING & OUR CENTURY

MARTIN LUTHER KING & OUR CENTURY, a multifaceted tribute to the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with Michael Mack (of "Star Trek") and a diverse panel of artists, activists, politicians and educators. Sat., Jan. 24, 3pm to 5pm. Donations appreciated.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK BY SW AUTHOR

The Best Mariachi in the World, by J.D. Smith, a southwest Washington, DC resident, a beautifully illustrated children's picture book for ages 4 through 8, tells the story of a little boy trying to find what talents he could contribute to his family's mariachi group, a Mexican band.

Tommy Wells Speedy Trial Bill Approved

The DC Council has given unanimous approval, on first reading, to legislation to ensure that youth held in community shelter homes move to trial more quickly. According to the Council of Court Excellence (CCE), this law, which has been

in effect on a temporary basis until now, has resulted in a significant reduction in the backlog of youth awaiting placement in shelter homes, and has dramatically reduced the amount of time youth spend

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Community –Army Covenant Signing

To keep Army Installations active parts of the communities that support them, the Army prints "Community Covenants" to sign with the communities. Aboard the cruise boat Oddysey on the Maine Ave.

Waterfront a signing ceremony was held in connection with the annual cruise for wounded service members and veterans, sponsored by the Southwest Washington Waterfront Association.



Above left, Major General Richard J. Rowe, Jr., commander, Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region (JFHQ-NCR) at Ft. McNair, is also chair of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee. Above right, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, DDC spoke at the Community Covenant signing ceremony. At left, The choir of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. Ft. McNair provides volunteers for the Partners in Education program at Amidon-Bowen. (Photos by Perry Klein)

9th St. Bridge Closure

(From Commissioner Andy Litsky and DDOT)

ANC-6D received a briefing from DC Department of Transportation regarding the closure of the Ninth Street Bridge leading to Maine Avenue in Southwest from the Ninth Street Tunnel. The bridge was closed by DDOT for repairs as of Monday, November 17th and will take a full year to repair.

Drivers using the tunnel will continue to be able to access the SW/SE Expressway toward Maryland and the U.S. Capital complex (if they turn left upon exiting the tunnel) and will be able to travel to Virginia by exiting toward the right after emerging from the tunnel. **Southwest drivers should not use the Ninth Street Tunnel unless they plan on going to Virginia or Maryland.**

The concrete bridge deck on the 9th Street Bridge will be replaced, including a new walkway and staircase to Frontage Road at L'Enfant Plaza. Use this link for more information: <http://dcgetinvolved.com/9-10StreetBridges/>. (See ad on page 6.)

SWNA Report for Nov. 24

(Excerpts from swdcblog.com)
(Used with permission)

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting (SWNA) Nov. 24 brought out a huge number of residents to listen to community updates from a variety of presenters.

Sw Zoning Study

The DC Office of Planning's Melissa Bird reported that the Southwest Zoning Study (a comprehensive and coordinated look at development potential and zoning in the residential area of Southwest) should kick off with a public meeting by the end of January or early February. The office has a website which provides updates on the project. The Office of Planning hopes to have four public meetings for community input before the study is finalized. Ms Bird mentioned that the Potomac Waterfront will be the subject of a separate study.

Waterfront Station

Gordon Fraley from Vornado/Charles E. Smith, the developer of Waterfront Station, wants us to know that the Waterside Mall no longer exists; the new development has been branded Waterfront Station. New signage will appear in the next few days. Mr. Fraley confirmed that last week the District has acquired the section of Town Center Park from the National Park Service needed for the extension of 4th Street to I Street. Target dates for the project include early March 2010 as the move in date for the DC Dept. of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, and May 2010 for the opening of the new urban concept Safeway. 4th Street must be opened by March 1, 2010, but an early opening is anticipated, complete with a community celebration. Developers, Clark Construction, and the Municipal Police are cooperating to better light the construction site and provide better security in the wake of increased crime in the area

Police Report Progress in SW

(From: nicholas.gallucci@dc.gov
Subj: RE: Comprehensive Program to Combat Crime in SWDC/PSA104)

We have done quite a bit to combat crime in that area, especially the juveniles. We have created a Juvenile Response Unit. This unit is responsible for tracking and identifying all the juveniles in the area. They track who they are, where they live, where they go to school, who they hang out with, what they look like, what crimes, if any, they have committed in the past and where they hang out. Since this unit has been created they have stopped over 100 juveniles. Several of the juveniles listed in the file have been arrested for violent crimes.

Further, we have created several permanent foot beats in the area, to include a new one that covers 300 to 500 blks of M Street, SW and includes the 6th Street corridor. We also still have our foot beat in the 4th street corridor.

We also currently have the First District Mountain Bike Squad patrolling in that area, just as it was during games days.

We have our School Resource Offi-

cers conducting interventions in our local schools. They discuss what the repercussions could be if they commit any crimes. They are also there to help any juvenile who is requesting guidance.

We have also worked with Clark construction to assist with additional lighting in their construction sites. They were able to provide light towers in the 6th Street area.

We have a special Crime Patrol Unit who actively patrols in concentrated areas in PSA 104. They usually do not answer calls for service so they are more available to give special attention to those areas.

I know many people do not believe this, but we have a significant decrease in crime in that area. Our robberies are way down, we have had only 2 Assaults in the past 30 days in the entire PSA. In the last 3 weeks we only had 1 robbery. So I am quite confident that our strategies are working very well. Thank you.

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Trial

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awaiting trial. The CCE strongly recommended making the law permanent.

Mr. Wells introduced the legislation last

year, entitled the "Juvenile Speedy Trial Equity Amendment Act of 2007," with Councilmember Phil Mendelson. Co-Sponsors of the bill include Councilmembers Bowser, Cheh, Thomas, Schwartz, Brown, Evans, Catania, Barry, Alexander and Council Chairman Vincent Gray.

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